

# WHAT'S ON

26 Oct – 6 Nov 2009

# EH GRAHAM CENTRE

*for Agricultural Innovation*

An alliance between Charles Sturt University and Industry & Investment NSW

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## **Meetings, Activities & Seminars**

- **Web Planning & Development Meeting**, 10.30am – 11.15am, Mon 9 Nov, I&I NSW Conference Room.
- **Research Management Committee Meeting**, 12 noon, Tue 10 Nov, I&I NSW Meeting Room.
- See [web calendar](#) for more activities and dates.

## **Director's Notes**

- A meeting was held in late September with GRDC and MLA to discuss **future directions of the stubble initiative for southern farming systems**. An outline proposal will be taken to GRDC and MLA within the next six months.
- CSU hosted a visit by His Excellency Mr Jalil Abbas Jilani, the **High Commissioner of Pakistan**, on 16 October. One hundred PhD stipends are available through the Australian Government for Pakistani students to study in Australia and this was an opportunity to discuss future R&D collaboration with Pakistan.
- Last week we had meetings with UNE and others concerning a potential **Weeds CRC bid**.
- The **Industry Steering Committee** for our Field Site was formed on 22 October and planning is underway for demonstrations to be set up in 2010. Suggestions for demonstrations are welcome.
- The closing dates for applications for Graham Centre [Postgraduate Research Scholarships](#), [Honours Scholarships](#) and [Internships](#) for 2010 have all been extended to **Friday 6 November 2009**. Summer Scholarships are also available and information about how to apply for these will be distributed very soon (expected closing date will be late November). Please note that the Postgraduate Research Scholarships are available for Doctoral students only (not Masters) and are open to Australian and New Zealand residents. PhD Top-ups will be advertised early in 2010.
- I am pleased to advise the Centre has received from CSU \$187K for **Research Performance Funding**. This payment is based on research income and publications for the **2008 calendar year** and will be used to provide seed funding and support for members. Publications income accounted for approximately \$25K of this amount. Of the \$712K total funding allocated to CSU Research Centres, the Graham Centre received the highest amount. Congratulations to all those who contributed towards this very pleasing result.
- Performance funding for projects is apportioned according to the **Banner Finance Organisation Code** (or "Banner org code") which researchers are asked to provide on their Notice to Submit and Budget Approval Form/s. The Graham Centre's org code is **804** and it is important this code is used on CSU forms relating to projects managed through the Centre.
- The ARC is calling for feedback to the current full journal title list by **Monday 2 November 2009**. Provision has also been made for other comments regarding the

journal title list, including corrections to a journal's name or ISSN, or information on the academic/scholarly or peer review status of a journal. Information about how to submit feedback can be found at: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/journal\\_title\\_list.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/journal_title_list.htm)

### **Funding Opportunities & Awards - External**

- [National Computational Infrastructure - Merit Allocation Scheme \(MAS\)](#) – Closing date **9 November 2009**. This call seeks applications from researchers covered by the NCRIS Capabilities for computational resources (processor time and related data storage) on the NCI National Facility.
- [Morris Animal Foundation Announces Call for Wildlife Research Proposals](#) on topics [relevant](#) to the health and welfare of wild animals. Closing date **13 November 2009**.
- [ARC Centres of Excellence](#) round for funding commencing in 2011. Unlike previous funding rounds for *ARC Centres of Excellence*, this new round includes an initial expression of interest stage. Applicants in the expression of interest stage will be shortlisted and invited to submit a full application in February 2010. The expression of interest form will be available at [www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/ce/ce\\_eoi.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/ce/ce_eoi.htm) from Friday 9 October 2009. (NB: Please ensure [CRGT](#) are advised of potential submissions – expression of interests will be due to CRGT (with NTS form) by **16 November 2009**.)
- [ARC Linkage Projects Round 2](#) – Proposals for funding commencing in July 2010 – are now available for drafting and submission in the ARC Research Management System (RMS), accessible via the ARC website (<https://rms.arc.gov.au>). The closing date is **18 November 2009**. Potential applicants are asked to advise [CRGT](#) as soon as possible of their intention to submit an ARC Linkage application in the upcoming round.
- [Honours and Postgraduate Scholarships at CSIRO](#) commencing in 2010 – Closing date **30 November 2009**.
- [Australian Laureate Fellowships Proposals](#) for funding commencing in 2010 are now available for drafting and submission in the ARC Research Management System (RMS), accessible via the ARC website (<https://rms.arc.gov.au>). The closing date for submission of Proposals is **2 December 2009**.
- [Endeavour Awards](#) – The Endeavour Executive Award provides professional development opportunities for high achieving Australians in business, industry, education and government. Professional development activities could include intensive management training, peer to peer learning, short term courses or attendance at a conference. The Awards are valued at up to \$20,000, and are 1 – 4 months in duration. NB: A second round of applications for **2010 Endeavour Executive Awards for Australian applicants** will open on **1 December 2009** and close **31 January 2010** for commencement in 2010. (Applications for all 2011 Endeavour Awards open in early April 2010).
- [Canadian Studies Grants & Awards](#) – various closing dates (follow the link for more information).

**NB:** The closing dates stated above are **external** closing dates (unless otherwise indicated).. Applications must be received by CSU's Centre for Research & Graduate Training (CRGT) **at least 5 working days prior to the funding body's specified closing date.**

### **Funding Opportunities – Internal**

- [Faculty of Science – Honours Project Operating Grants \(\\$1,500\)](#) – Closing date **30 October 2009**.
- [Graham Centre Postgraduate Research Scholarships \(Approx \\$22K pa\)](#) – Closing date **6 November 2009**.
- [Graham Centre Honours Scholarships \(\\$5K\)](#) and [Internships \(\\$4K\)](#) – Closing date extended to **6 November 2009**.
- **Summer Scholarships** – coming soon (expected closing date late November).
- [PhD Completion Award \(up to \\$5K\)](#) – Closing date **20 November 2009**.
- [Writing Up Awards, Academic Staff \(up to \\$5K\)](#) – Closing date **20 November 2009**.
- [Writing Up Awards, Postgraduate Students \(up to \\$5K\)](#) – Closing date **20 November 2009**.
- [Research Infrastructure Block Grants](#) – Closing date **4 December 2009**.
- [Academic Staff Higher Degree Training](#) - Ongoing
- [Research Higher Degree Completion Award](#) – Ongoing
- [Professional Development Activities Fund \(up to \\$2K\)](#) – Ongoing

### **Training & Support - CSU**

- [Thesis Writing Workshop](#) for second and third year postgrad students – **16-17 Nov 2009**, Wagga
- [ARC Grants - Individual Consultations & Grant Writing Workshop](#) – An external expert will visit CSU to present a one hour workshop and then meet individually with researchers and critique ARC Discovery and Linkage grant applications.  
*Venues & Dates:* Bathurst **25 Nov**; Wagga **26 Nov**, Thurgoona **27 Nov**.  
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